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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--APRIL 1991

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 135.2 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 4.9 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) rose 0.2 percent in April prior to seasonal adjustment. The April 1991 CPI-W level of 133.3 was 4.7 percent higher than the index in April 1990.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent decline in March. The index for energy continued to decrease, but by substantially less than in each of the preceding 3 months. Declines in prices for fuel oil, natural gas, and electricity more than offset the first increase in gasoline prices since November. Food prices rose 0.7 percent in April, largely as a result of a 7.1 percent increase in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.2 percent, following a 0.1 percent increase in March and much larger increases earlier this year. After registering substantial advances in the first 2 months of the year, the indexes for apparel and upkeep and lodging while out of town each declined for the second consecutive month. A sharp drop in airline fares within the transportation component also helped to offset large increases in the indexes for entertainment and other goods and services.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Apr. '91	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1990			1991					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.6	.3	.3	.4	.2	-.1	.2	1.5	4.9
Food and beverages	.4	.4	.1	.9	.1	.2	.7	4.2	4.7
Housing	.3	.2	.2	.8	.5	.1	.2	2.8	4.5
Apparel and upkeep	-.3	.2	.3	1.0	1.6	-1.2	-.2	0.9	2.7
Transportation	1.9	.6	.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-.3	-9.2	4.2
Medical care	.8	.7	.8	.6	.7	.6	.5	7.7	9.1
Entertainment	.1	.1	.1	.7	.5	.4	.7	6.7	4.8
Other goods and services	.6	.7	.7	.7	.7	.7	.8	8.9	8.3

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During the first 4 months of 1991, the CPI-U rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) of 2.5 percent. This compares with an increase of 6.1 percent in all of 1990. The sharp turnaround in energy costs--particularly petroleum-based energy--was principally responsible for the moderation.

The index for food and beverages rose 0.7 percent in April. Grocery store foods, which increased 0.2 percent in March, advanced 1.0 percent in April. Nearly 95 percent of this increase was attributable to the rise in the index for fresh fruits and vegetables, in particular, fresh vegetable prices. The 15.4 percent increase in fresh vegetable prices reflects supply shortages due to adverse weather and insect infestations. Prices for oranges continued to advance, increasing 4.2 percent in April and 64.4 percent in the first 4 months of 1991. Banana prices, however, declined 9.7 percent in April, following an 18.6 percent increase in March. The indexes for cereal and bakery products and other food at home turned up in April, increasing 0.6 and 0.4 percent, respectively. On the other hand, the indexes for dairy products and meats, poultry, fish and eggs registered declines in April. Prices for pork, poultry, fish, and eggs declined in April, more than offsetting a 0.4 percent increase in beef prices. The index for dairy products, which last increased in October, fell 0.3 percent in April and has decreased 3.2 percent in the past 6 months. The other components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.4 and 0.3 percent, respectively.

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The housing component rose 0.2 percent in April, slightly more than in March. The index for household fuels and other utilities fell 0.5 percent in April, its third consecutive decrease. This decline partially offset slightly larger increases in the indexes for shelter and household furnishings and operations. Shelter costs rose 0.3 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent increase in March. Within shelter, the index for maintenance and repairs rose 1.5 percent, homeowners' costs were up 0.3 percent, and renters' costs were unchanged for the second consecutive month. A 0.5 percent increase in charges for residential rent was offset by a decline in other renters' costs. The index for lodging while out of town dropped 1.7 percent. The index for household fuels decreased 1.1 percent in April. Fuel oil prices dropped 5.7 percent in April and have declined 26.7 percent since reaching their peak level in October. Also contributing to the decrease in household fuels were declines in the indexes for electricity and natural gas of 0.9 and 0.2 percent, respectively. The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.2 percent, following a 0.1 percent rise in March.

The transportation index fell 0.3 percent in April, largely as a result of a 4.0 percent drop in the index for public transportation. Airline fares fell 6.2 percent in April and 8.5 percent in the past 2 months, after increasing 14.0 percent in the 6-month period ended in February. The index for private transportation turned up in April after sharp declines in each of the first 3 months of 1991. Gasoline prices rose 0.2 percent in April, following sharp drops earlier this year, and are now 18.2 percent below their peak level of last November. Also contributing to the decline in the transportation component were small decreases in the indexes for used cars and automobile finance charges. The indexes for new vehicles and auto maintenance and repairs each increased 0.2 percent in April.

The index for apparel and upkeep declined 0.2 percent in April, following a drop of 1.2 percent in March and substantial increases in each of the first 2 months of 1991. In April, declines in prices for women's apparel more than offset increases in prices for girls', men's, boys', and infants' and toddlers' clothing.

The medical care component rose 0.5 percent in April to a level 9.1 percent above a year ago. The April advance was the smallest increase in 2 years. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.5 percent. The index for medical care services rose 0.6 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.4 and 0.7 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs increased 0.7 percent in April, following a 0.4 percent rise in March. About 50 percent of the April advance was due to increases in fees for participant sports and in admissions to movies, theaters, concerts, and sporting events--up 1.5 and 1.6 percent, respectively.

The other goods and services index, which rose 0.7 percent in March, increased 0.8 percent in April. A 1.2 percent increase in the index for tobacco and smoking products, coupled with a 0.9 percent rise in the index for tuition and other school fees, accounted for about 70 percent of the April advance. The tuition increase resulted, in part, from a 1.1 percent increase in the index for day care and nursery school fees.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.3 percent in April.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3 mos. ended Apr. '91	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '91
	Changes from preceding month								
	1990			1991					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.6	.3	.3	.4	.1	-.1	.3	1.2	4.7
Food and beverages	.4	.4	.1	.9	.1	.3	.7	4.5	4.7
Housing	.3	.2	.2	.9	.4	.1	.1	2.2	4.3
Apparel and upkeep	-.4	.3	.2	.9	1.3	-.8	-.2	1.3	2.4
Transportation	2.0	.4	.3	-1.4	-1.4	-1.0	.0	-9.3	4.0
Medical care	.8	.8	.7	.8	.6	.6	.5	7.2	8.8
Entertainment	.2	.1	.1	.7	.5	.4	.7	6.7	4.4
Other goods and services	.5	.7	.8	.8	.5	.7	.9	8.9	8.6

Consumer Price Index data for May 1991 will be released on Friday, June 14, 1991, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1986 through 1990 were replaced at the end of 1990. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors. For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; and for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202) 504-2051.

Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040×100
Equals percent change	4.0

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1990	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	Apr. 1990	Mar. 1991	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	135.0	135.1	4.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items (1982=100)		404.3	405.1					
Food and beverages	17.704	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Food	17.188	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Food at home	16.094	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Cereals and bakery products	1.420	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.525	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Dairy products	1.358	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Fruits and vegetables	1.830	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other food at home	1.418	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Sugar and sweets	0.343	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Fats and oils	0.344	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.705	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other prepared food	0.339	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Food away from home	1.094	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Alcoholic beverages	0.118	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Housing	41.354	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Shelter	41.354	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Renters' costs	1.804	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Rent, residential	1.804	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other renters' costs	0.055	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Homeowners' costs	1.553	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Owners' equivalent rent	1.553	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Household insurance	0.323	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Maintenance and repairs	1.077	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Maintenance and repair services	1.127	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Maintenance and repair commodities	0.080	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Fuel and other utilities	1.527	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Fuels	1.140	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.520	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Gas (pipel) and electricity (energy)	0.520	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other utilities and public services	3.619	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Household furnishings and operation	3.388	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Household furnishings	1.717	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Housekeeping supplies	1.431	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Housekeeping services	0.240	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Apparel and upkeep	6.073	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Apparel commodities	6.073	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Men's and boys' apparel	1.472	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Women's and girls' apparel	2.319	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	0.282	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Footwear	0.011	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other apparel commodities	0.289	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Apparel services	0.281	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Transportation	17.794	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Private transportation	17.794	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
New vehicles	0.018	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
New cars	0.043	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Used cars	1.199	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Motor fuel	0.051	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Gasoline	0.051	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Maintenance and repairs	1.498	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other private transportation	1.507	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other private transportation commodities	0.688	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other private transportation services	0.819	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Public transportation	0.542	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Medical care	6.387	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Medical care commodities	0.203	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Medical care services	6.184	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Professional medical services	0.199	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Entertainment	4.316	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Entertainment commodities	0.036	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Entertainment services	4.280	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other goods and services	6.387	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Tobacco and smoking products	0.542	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Personal care	1.194	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	0.634	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Personal care services	0.560	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Personal and educational expenses	3.649	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
School books and supplies	3.195	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Personal and educational services	0.454	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	135.0	135.1	4.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Commodities	17.704	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Food and beverages	17.704	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and beverages	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nondurables less food and beverages	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Apparel commodities	6.073	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Durables	1.370	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Services	46.296	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Rent of shelter	1.804	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Household services less rent of shelter	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Transportation services	8.780	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Medical care services	6.184	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Other services	0.115	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.296	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items less shelter	58.646	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items less homeowners' costs	88.446	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items less medical care	93.613	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Commodities less food	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nondurables less food	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nondurables less food and apparel	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Services less rent of shelter	44.492	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Services less medical care services	37.108	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Energy	1.370	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items less energy	98.630	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
All items less food and energy	80.830	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Commodities less food and energy	0.000	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Energy commodities	24.528	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Services less energy services	44.102	135.3	135.4	5.0	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982=100	100.000	135.0	135.1	4.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2
1967=100	100.000	135.0	135.1	4.9	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.2

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	3 months ended -	6 months ended -	12 months ended -	12 months ended -	12 months ended -
	1982	1982	1982	1982	1982	Oct 1981- Dec 1981	Oct 1981- Mar 1982	Oct 1981- Mar 1982	Oct 1981- Mar 1982	Oct 1981- Mar 1982
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Cereals and bakery products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Dairy products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Fruits and vegetables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other food at home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Sugar and sweets	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Fats and oils	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Alcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Food away from home	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Alcoholic beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Housing	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Rent, residential	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other renters' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Homeowners' costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Owners' equivalent rent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Household insurance	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Maintenance and repair services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Maintenance and repair commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Fuel oil and other household fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
commodities	110.0	103.8	97.5	92.8	-18.5	321.1	-29.3	-49.3	85.3	-10.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
services)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other utilities and public services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Household furnishings and operations	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Housefurnishings	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Housekeeping supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Housekeeping services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Apparel and upkeep	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Men's and boys' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Women's and girls' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Footwear	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other apparel commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Apparel services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
New vehicles	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
New cars	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Used cars	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Motor fuel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Gasoline	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Maintenance and repairs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
commodities	103.9	103.9	103.3	103.3	1.8	1.6	7.2	1.3	4.4	2.4
Other private transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Public transportation	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Medical care commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Professional medical services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Entertainment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Entertainment commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Entertainment services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other goods and services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Tobacco and smoking products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Personal care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Toilet goods and personal care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
appliances	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Personal care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Personal and educational expenses	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
School books and supplies	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Personal and educational services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Commodity and service group	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Commodities less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Nondurables less food and beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Nondurables less food, beverages	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Durables	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Household services less rent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Transportation services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Other services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Special indexes	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less housing costs	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less medical care	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Commodities less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Nondurables less food	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Nondurables less food and apparel	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Services less rent of shelter	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Services less medical care services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
All items less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Commodities less food and energy	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Energy commodities	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9
Services less energy services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4.7	9.2	6.3	1.5	8.9

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
NOTE: Data not available.
Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule	Indexes				Percent change to			Percent change to		
			Jan 1982	Feb 1982	Mar 1982	Apr 1982	Apr. 1982	1982 1981	Mar. 1981	1981 1980	Feb. 1981	1980
U.S. city average		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
North Central urban		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
South urban		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size B - 500,000 to 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
West urban		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size A - More than 1,000,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Size classes												
A 3/		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
B		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
C		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Baltimore, MD		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	134.6	134.8	135.0	135.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	4.9	0.2	0.2

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated.

M - Every month.
 J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
 F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
 Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

1952-84=100, unless otherwise noted

CPI-W	Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1990	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1991 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from			
			Dec. 1990	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	Apr. 1990	Mar. 1991	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
	All items	100.000	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items 1982=100		100.0	100.0	100.0					
	Food and beverages	28.6	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Food	28.6	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Food at home	28.6	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Cereals and bakery products 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Dairy products	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Fruits and vegetables	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other food at home	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Sugar and sweets 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Fats and oils 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nonalcoholic beverages	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other prepared food	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Food away from home 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Alcoholic beverages 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Housing	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Shelter	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Renters' costs	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Rent, residential	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other renters' costs	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Homeowners' costs 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Owners' equivalent rent 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Household insurance 1/ 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Maintenance and repairs 1/ 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Maintenance and repair services 1/ 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Utilities	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Fuel and other utilities	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Fuels	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Fuel oil and other household fuel	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodities	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other utilities and public services 1/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Household furnishings and operation 1/ 2/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Household furnishings	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Housekeeping supplies 1/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Housekeeping services 1/	33.3	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Apparel and upkeep	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Apparel commodities	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Men's and boys' apparel	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Women's and girls' apparel	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Footwear	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other apparel commodities 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Apparel services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Transportation	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Private transportation	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	New vehicles	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Used cars	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Motor fuel	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Gasoline	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Maintenance and repairs 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other private transportation	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other private transportation commodities 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other private transportation services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Public transportation 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Medical care	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Medical care commodities	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Medical care services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Professional medical services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Entertainment 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Entertainment commodities 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Entertainment services 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other goods and services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Tobacco and smoking products	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Personal care 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Toilet goods and personal care appliances	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Personal care services 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Personal and educational expenses	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	School books and supplies	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Personal and educational services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodity and service group									
	All items	100.000	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodities	77.7	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Food and beverages	28.6	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodities less food and beverages 1/	49.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Apparel commodities	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Durables	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Services	22.2	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Household services less rent of shelter 2/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Transportation services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Medical care services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Other services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Special indexes									
	All items less food	71.4	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items less shelter	66.7	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items less homeowners' costs 2/	66.7	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items less medical care	88.9	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodities less food	49.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nondurables less food 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Nondurables	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Services less rent of shelter 2/	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Services less medical care services	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Energy	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items less energy	88.9	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	All items less food and energy	55.6	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Commodities less food and energy	44.4	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Energy commodities	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Services less energy	11.1	133.0	133.0	133.0	4.7	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
	Purchasing power of the consumer dollar									
	1982=1.00 1/									
	1967=1.00 1/									

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=54-100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted Annual rate percent change for				
	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	July 1990	3 months ended— Oct. 1990	Jan. 1991	Apr. 1991	6 months ended— Oct. 1990	Apr. 1991
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	4.5	9.7	4.0	1.2	7.0	2.6
Food and beverages	135.4	135.6	136.0	136.9	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.5
Food	135.3	135.5	135.9	136.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.5
Food at home	135.3	135.5	135.9	136.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.5
Cereals and bakery products 1/	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dairy products 1/	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fruits and vegetables	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other food at home	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Sugar and sweets 1/	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Fats and oils 1/	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Nonalcoholic beverages	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other prepared food	133.9	134.0	134.2	134.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Food away from home 1/	135.9	136.0	136.1	136.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Alcoholic beverages 1/	135.9	136.0	136.1	136.2	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Housing	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Shelter	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Renters' costs 1/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Rent, residential	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Other renters' costs 2/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Owners' equivalent rent 2/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Household insurance 1/ 2/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Maintenance and repair services	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fuel and other utilities	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fuels	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fuel oil and other household fuel	130.6	130.7	130.8	130.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Services)	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other utilities and public services 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Household furnishings and operation 1/ 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Household furnishings	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Housekeeping supplies	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Housekeeping services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Apparel and upkeep	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Apparel commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Men's and boys' apparel	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Women's and girls' apparel	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Footwear	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other apparel commodities 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Apparel services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Transportation	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Private transportation	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
New vehicles	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
New cars	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Used cars	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Motor fuel	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Gasoline	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Maintenance and repairs 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other private transportation	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other private transportation	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Public transportation 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Medical care	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Medical care commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Medical care services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Professional medical services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Entertainment 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Entertainment commodities 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Entertainment services 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other goods and services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Tobacco and smoking products	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Personal care 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Toilet goods and personal care	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
appliances 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Personal care services 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Personal and educational expenses	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
School books and supplies	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Personal and educational services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Commodity and service group										
All items	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Food and beverages	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Commodities less food and beverages	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Apparel commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Nondurables less food, beverages,	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
and apparel 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Durables	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Rent of shelter 1/ 2/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Household services less rent	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Transportation services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Medical care services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Other services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
All items less shelter	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
All items less medical care	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Commodities less food	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Nondurables less food	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Nondurables	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Services less rent of shelter 2/	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Services less medical care services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Energy	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
All items less energy	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Commodities less food and energy	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Energy commodities	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3
Services less energy services	109.4	109.4	97.2	92.6	-17.8	307.2	-28.3	-48.7	83.0	-39.3

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1991 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1991 from-		
			Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Apr. 1991	Apr. 1990	Feb. 1991	Mar. 1991	Mar. 1990	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1991
	U.S. city average	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Region and area size 2/											
	Northeast urban	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	North Central urban	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	South urban	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	West urban	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size A - More than 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Size classes											
	A 3/	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	B	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	C	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	D	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Selected local areas											
	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Baltimore, MD	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Washington, DC-MD-VA	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Houston-Galveston-Brainerd, TX	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2
	Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	M	132.8	132.8	133.0	133.3	4.7	0.4	0.2	4.6	0.2	0.2

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.
J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.

3/ Indexes on a December 1986=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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